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## **Police Investigate Report of Bomb Threat**

Harrisonburg, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) continues its investigation into a bomb threat that was made earlier today.

Around 11:15 a.m. a male called in a bomb threat to Spotswood Elementary School.

Police, fire, and rescue personnel immediately responded and the students and staff were evacuated from the building as a precautionary measure.

Some streets immediately surrounding the school were temporarily closed and all have since reopened.

K-9 Units from the Harrisonburg Police Department, Virginia State Police, and Albemarle County Police Department conducted a sweep of the building. James Madison Police also provided assistance with traffic control.

Just before 2:00 p.m., the building was determined to be safe and no devices were found.

Students and staff were transported back to the school for a regular dismissal.

HPD's Criminal Investigations Division will continue its investigation to determine who placed the call.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to call Crime Solvers at (540) 574-5050 or text "HPD" to 274637 (CRIMES).

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